



President's Greeting

January 2026

To all the Saints in Christ Jesus,

Greetings and Happy New Year.

One of my favorite Psalms to preach on is Psalm 136. You remember it: 26 times we are reminded that the Lord's mercy endures forever. Literally, each verse concludes by saying "*eternally, His love.*" This is a great thought at the change of the year.

We are at the point of the year when it seems that many are contemplating the 12 months that have passed while others look to the 365 days ahead. As I consider the past, I can say that the Lord's mercy and grace have been evident every day. Our school has enjoyed great blessings and also endured moments of profound disappointment. Through it all, our God has been faithful. He has heard the prayers of His people and carried us into a New Year. His love has been with us each day. *Eternally, His love.*

If I look ahead, while I am not a prophet nor the son of a prophet, I anticipate many good things. I am assured of the fact that our immutable and unchanging God will always show mercy and grace to us. *Eternally, His love.* I know that he will hear our prayers and provide for all our needs.

Based in orthodox theology (the doctrine of God), on the repeated testimony of Scripture, on the voices of millions of believers through the ages, and on my own experience, I enter the New Year with great hope. Join with me in expectation, giving thanks and strengthening faith in the High and Holy One who inhabits eternity.

On Monday January 5, I will be sending a letter announcing some wonderful plans for the next few years. The Lord is at work in delightful ways. Keep an eye on your email inbox!

In Christ,



Dr. Renihan's Speaking Schedule:

Jan 8-10 Building Tomorrow's Church, Gilbert AZ (Registration link below)

Jan 17-18 IRBS OTR, Reformed Baptist Church of Kansas City

Jan 24-25 IRBS OTR, Heritage Baptist Church, Mansfield, TX

Jan 31-Feb 1, IRBS OTR Grace Fellowship, Sanford, FL



Check your inbox on January 5th for
an exciting announcement
about the future of IRBS!

IRBS On the Road 2026:

2 Lecturers
3 Lecture Topics
The choice is yours!

Bring a unique educational experience to your church with IRBS on the Road!

This one day event is perfect for any Christian interested in deepening their understanding of these important topics.

Event Highlights:

- Topics:
 1. **Deep Dive into Baptism (Renihan)**
 2. **Sola Scriptura, God's Precious Gift to Us (Renihan)**
 3. **Gazing at the Glorious Trinity (Scheiderer)**
- Speakers:
 1. Dr. James Renihan, President and Professor of Historical Theology
 2. Dr. Daniel Scheiderer, Assistant Professor of Christian Theology
- Duration: 3-4 hours
- Who Can Attend: Open to your church and other local churches
- Check out the **Theology in Particular** episode #221 that aired on 10/27 for more details.

For more information or to schedule an IRBS on the Road Day for your congregation, please contact Brent Ward at giving@irbsseminary.org.



Upcoming Courses

Legacy (self-paced) Course List

Registration is always open.

Winter 2026 Course Schedule

Registration now open.

Reformed Apologetics (live in Texas and Zoom) - J.V. Fesko
Puritan Preaching ELECTIVE (Zoom) - D. Scheiderer



Spring 2026 Course Schedule

Registration is open now!

Puritanism - J. Renihan
Theological Anthropology - D. Scheiderer
Greek III - J. Henson
Philosophical Theology - J. Dolezal
Ethics & Reformed Moral Theology - D. Sparks
Christology - J. Dolezal
Pastoral Theology II /Practical Theology - J. R. Davidson *
Symbolics - J. Renihan **
Foundations of Theology - C. Rennie *

* Class to be held in Ramsbottom, UK

** Class to be held in Quebec, CA

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Email admissions@irbsseminary.org for more information about any IRBS classes.



Particular Baptist Theological Society

Save the date for the first meeting!

- Friday, May 15, 2026
- Heritage Baptist Church, Mansfield, Texas

- This year's theme is *Chalcedonian Christology*.
- Our plenary speaker will be Dr. James Dolezal, PhD.
- One-day meeting to include a plenary session alongside concurrent side sessions that consist of papers presented by scholars, students and ministers interested in the goals of the Society.
- The doctrinal standard will be the New Hampshire Confession of Faith.
- Stick around for the IRBS Class of 2026 Commencement on May 16.

Questions may be sent to pbts@irbs.org.

More information

Churches Officers have auditing fees waived

Did you know that officers of IRBS Partner Churches enjoy waived auditing fees on their choice of IRBS classes?

With the **IRBS Church Partnership**, local churches can share the load with men in their congregations who are called to pursue pastoral ministry, **relieving them** of the financial burdens that come with seminary education.

Learn More

Opportunities to Connect

Join the Women of IRBS for Fellowship & Prayer

Student wife? Female student? Faculty wife? Sister in Christ?

All interested ladies are invited!

Our Women's Fellowship will meet on **Tuesday, January 13(7:30PM CT) for scripture, fellowship, and prayer.** If you (or a lady in your life) is interested in joining us, please send your (her) email address to kristen@irbsseminary.org to be added to the invitation list.

Student-led Missions Prayer Meeting

All are welcome to join us **Saturday, 20th December**, at 10am CT for the **Haystack Prayer Meeting**. We will be joining together to pray for the work of missions throughout the world. The New Creation Mandate given by the Lord Jesus Christ to his disciples to "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations," stands now and even to the end of the age. Therefore, let us join ourselves in prayer, beseeching our God for the building of his everlasting kingdom.

The **Zoom** link will be posted in the Populi dashboard and calendar.

Please join us as we bring these vital prayers to our God.

Questions may be emailed to bnasmith1@gmail.com.

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Upcoming Conferences



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Building Tomorrow's Church 2026

- January 8-10 (Thursday-Saturday)
- Grace Covenant Church in Gilbert, Arizona

Speakers include:

Jim Renihan
Daniel Scheiderer
Chris Marley
Jim Butler

[Register today.](#)



KC area friends,

don't miss this opportunity to participate in Dr. Renihan's Deep Dive - the original IRBS On the Road seminar!

[Register here](#) today.

CONFESSING
THE FAITH



**Topic: 2LCF Chapter 3
Of God's Decree**

Confessing the Faith 2026

- April 10-11 (Thursday-Friday)
- Free Reformed Church in Chilliwack, British Columbia

Speakers include:

Jim Renihan
Rich Barcellos
David Charles

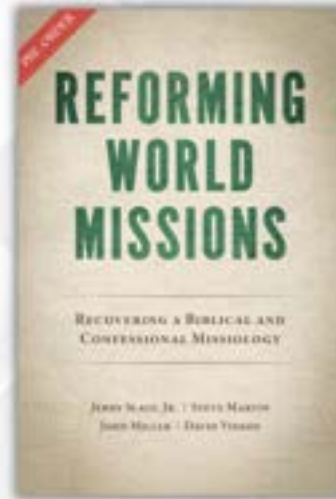
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Introducing IRBS Western Canada

For our brothers and sisters in British Columbia and the surrounding area, we are excited to announce that IRBS classes will now be held yearly in conjunction with the Confessing the Faith Conference in Chilliwack. Stay tuned for details.

...a clear exposition of
obedience to the
methods based in
Scripture and
traditionally employed
by protestants.
Dr. James Renihan



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New cohost, Dr. Daniel Scheiderer, joins Joe Anady to discuss a variety of topics with IRBS faculty. New episodes air every Monday. Listen on your favorite podcast app or find all episodes on our [website](#).



Just a few minutes to listen? Check out our microcast, featuring brief discussions between Dr. Renihan & Pastor Fred Pugh, IRBS Chairman of the Board, on matters about and within the 2nd London Confession of Faith. Listen on your favorite podcast app or find all episodes on our [website](#).

Prayer Requests

Praise God for His many blessings, including:

- New, exciting updates on the horizon!
- Another successful semester in the books, and a full spring to come.

Please pray for:

- Our students on the mission field around the world, including Eastern Europe, much of Africa, and other environments hostile to the Gospel. Please pray for their safety and effective ministries.
- Faculty & students as they enjoy a well-earned break and prepare for winter and spring classes.

Thank you for your faithful prayer support.
May IRBS continue to be an effective tool in His hand.
Soli Deo Gloria!



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